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# Navy Ball 2023





Photos by MC2 Molly Crawford-Tice

LT Carl Scroggs, NAS Meridian chaplain, is joined by Hospital Corpsman Seaman Zalette Mendez, a member of the staff at Navy Medical Readiness and Training Unit Meridian, to cut the traditional Navy Ball birthday cake. Scroggs and Mendez were the oldest and youngest Sailors present at the ball. This year's theme was "248 years of Power, Presence and Protection," and served as an opportunity to honor the proud history of the United States Navy, which traces its origins to the Continental Navy established Oct. 13, 1775. LCDR Jonny Kim was the guest speaker for the event which was held at the Mississippi Arts + Entertainment Experience in downtown Meridian, Oct. 20.

### Mike Johnson is elected Speaker of the House

by Lisa Mascaro, Stephen Groves, Farnoush Amairi and Kevin Freking

Associated Press

Republicans unanimously elected Rep. Mike Johnson as House speaker on Wednesday, eagerly elevating a deeply conservative but lesser-known leader to the major seat of U.S. power and ending for now the weeks of political chaos in their majority.

Johnson, 51, of Louisiana, swept through on the first ballot with support from all Republicans anxious to put the past weeks of tumult behind and get on with the business of governing. He was quickly sworn into office, second in line to the presidency.

"The people's House is back in business," Johnson declared after taking the gavel.

A lower-ranked member of the House GOP leadership team, Johnson emerged as the fourth Republican nominee in what had become an almost absurd cycle of political infighting since Kevin McCarthy's ouster as GOP factions jockeyed for power. While not the party's top choice for the gavel, the deeply religious and even-keeled Johnson has few foes and an important GOP backer: Donald Trump.

Speaker McCarthy ousted in historic

House vote, as scramble begins for a Republican leader

"I think he's gonna be a fantastic speaker," Trump said Wednesday at the New York courthouse where the former president, who is now the Republican front-runner for president in 2024, is on trial over a lawsuit alleging business fraud.

Three weeks on without a House speaker, the Republicans have been wasting their majority status — a maddening embarrassment to some, democracy in action to others, but not at all how the House is expected to function.

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### Navigating education and service: Distance makes a difference

#### From Staff Reports

Meet Jung Tai, a dedicated member of the United States Navy, a student in the online Master of Business Administration, or MBA, program at Mississippi State, and a passionate community volunteer. Tai's unique journey is a testament to her commitment to personal growth and professional advancement. She aspires to "become an officer holding a management position and making decisions and strategies," and she shared her journey to MS State Online with warmth and enthusiasm.

Originally from Taiwan, Tai's multicultural experiences have deepened her appreciation for the opportunities the U. S. has offered her. She's a passionate traveler who has explored Cuba, Italy, Thailand, China, and Japan, and she lived in Mexico for 11 years. Her love for understanding different cultures and lifestyles has enriched her life and broadened her perspective, eventually leading her to the state of Mississippi and her role in the U. S. Navy.

For Tai, online education has proven to be an invaluable option, given her role as a hospital corpsman and dental assistant.

"It was the best decision to have the flexibility to work at my own pace in a given amount of time," Tai said.

Pursuing her degree online allows Tai to



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HM3 Jung Tai poses for a photo with Mr. Bully on the campus of Mississippi State University. Tai was recently honored with two scholarships from Mississippi State University.

develop subject-matter expertise while maintaining military readiness. Whether she is at sea, on a humanitarian mission, providing disaster relief, or stationed at a base like the

Naval Air Station in Meridian, Mississippi, online learning allows Tai to pursue her academic aspirations while fulfilling her military duties.

Tai reflects on the valuable experiences she gained in her first semester as a student at MS State Online. Her courses in statistical analysis with Dr. Iva Ballard and leadership skills with Dr. Mel Fugate were enriched by her professors' dedication.

"Both are amazing professors who really care about their students. They have gone above and beyond to assist me with learning." Toi said

In her short time as an MS State Online student, Tai has accomplished much, evident in her commitment to community involvement

"Giving back to my community is important to me, as demonstrated in my volunteerism," she said.

With over 1,000 volunteer hours from April 2021 through January 2023, Tai earned the 2023 Distance Student of the Year at Mississippi State and 2023 Military Citizen of the Year from the Navy League of Mississippi.

We are proud to recognize Tai as a recipient of the Distance Makes a Difference Scholarship, as we believe she exemplifies the values of service and lifelong learning that we are committed to at MS State Online.

### NAS Meridian Sailors of the Quarter



**ABH1 Travis Bond** 

Senior Sailor of the Quarter Field Support



**MA2 Stephen Todd** 

Junior Sailor of the Quarter Security



**MASN Anthony Barretta** 

Blue Jacket of the Quarter Security

## NAS Meridian Civilians of the Quarter



**Christopher Toten** 

Civilian Supervisor of the Quarter Air Operations



**Brandon Newberry** 

Senior Civilian of the Quarter Air Operations



**Officer Cory Furline** 

Junior Civilian of the Quarter Security

#### Speaker

President Biden called to congratulate the new speaker and said it's "time for all of us to act responsibly" with challenges ahead to fund the government and provide aid for Ukraine and Israel.

"We need to move swiftly," the president said in a statement.

In the House, far-right members had refused to accept a more traditional speaker, and moderate conservatives didn't want a hard-liner. While Johnson had no opponents during a private party roll call late Tuesday, some two dozen Republicans did not vote, more than enough to sink his nomination.

But when GOP Conference Chair Rep. Elise Stefanik rose to introduce Johnson's name Wednesday as their nominee, Republicans jumped to their feet for a standing ovation.

"House Republicans and Speaker Mike Johnson will never give up," she said.

Democrats again nominated their leader Rep. Hakeem Jeffries of New York, criticizing Johnson as an architect of Trump's legal effort to overturn the 2020 presidential election he lost to Democrat Biden.

With Republicans controlling the House only 221-212 over Democrats, Johnson could afford just a few detractors to win the gavel. He won 220-209, with a few absences

Jeffries said House Democrats will find "common ground" work with Republicans whenever possible for the "good of the country."

Lawmakers quickly reconvened to get back to work, approving a resolution saying the House "stands with Israel" and "condemns Hamas' brutal war." Next, they turned to a stalled government funding bill.

Overnight the endorsements for Johnson started pouring in, including from the failed speaker hopefuls. Rep. Jim Jordan, the hard-charging Judiciary Committee chairman backed by Trump, gave his support, as did Majority Leader Steve Scalise, the fellow Louisiana congressman rejected by Jordan's wing, who stood behind Johnson after he won the nomination.

"Mike! Mike! Mike!" lawmakers chanted at a press conference after the late-night internal vote, surrounding Johnson and posing for selfies in a show of support.

Anxious and exhausted, Republican lawmakers are desperately trying to move on.

Johnson's rise comes after a tumultuous month, capped by a head-spinning Tuesday that within a span of a few hours saw one candidate, Rep. Tom Emmer, the GOP Whip, nominated and then quickly withdraw when it became clear he would be the third candidate unable to secure enough support from GOP colleagues after Trump bashed his nomination.

"He wasn't MAGA," said Trump, referring to his Make America Great Again campaign slogan.

Attention quickly turned to Johnson. A lawyer specializing in constitutional issues, Johnson had rallied Republicans around Trump's legal effort to overturn the 2020 election results.

Elevating Johnson to speaker gives Louisianians two

high-ranking GOP leaders, putting him above Scalise.

Affable and well liked, colleagues swiftly started giving Johnson their support. In no time, his name replaced McCarthy's on the sign outside the speaker's office in the Capitol

The congressman, who drew on his Christian beliefs, said to the American people watching: "Our mission here is to serve you well and to restore the people's faith in this House."

Rep. Matt Gaetz, R-Fla., who led a small band of hardliners to engineer McCarthy's ouster at the start of the month, posted on social media that "Mike Johnson won't be the Speaker the Swamp wants but, he is the Speaker America needs."

Republicans have been flailing all month, unable to conduct routine business as they fight amongst themselves with daunting challenges ahead.

The federal government risks a shutdown in a matter of weeks if Congress fails to pass funding legislation by a Nov. 17 deadline to keep services and offices running. More immediately, President Biden has asked Congress to provide \$105 billion in aid — to help Israel and

Ukraine amid their wars and to shore up the U.S. border. with Mexico. Federal aviation and farming programs face expiration without action.

Many hard-liners have been resisting a leader who voted for the budget deal that McCarthy struck with Biden earlier this year, which set federal spending levels that far-right Republicans don't agree with and now want to undo.

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## Local Happenings

#### **OCTOBER**

28: Fall Pops! A Symphony of Illusion from 7-9 p.m. at the MSU Riley Center. Prepared to be amazed (and maybe a little bit spooked) as illusionist Michael Grandinetti, star of the hit TV series Masters of Illusions and World's Most Dangerous Magic, combines his astonishing magic with the powerful and mysterious music of the Meridian Symphony Orchestra. Call 601-696-2200.

#### NOVEMBER —

**3-4: Soule' Live Steam Festival** from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Soule Steam Feed Works. Visit America's last remaining steam engine factory. The 20th Annual Soulé Live Steam Festival gives visitors the opportunity to see how things were made and how hard people worked back in the early 20th century. Call 601-693-9905.

4: Railfest 2023 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Meridian Railroad Museum. Presented by Meridian Rails Historical Society, Railfest 2023, is the nonprofit's largest event of the year. Admission is free but donations are hardily accepted. Call 601-479-2483 / 601-681-8525.

10: Veterans Day Tribute from 1:30-3 p.m. at the East Mississippi Veteran's Park adjacent to Meridian's historical Key Field. Guest Speaker for the event will be NAS Meridian's Command Master Chief Craig Johnson. A special unveiling of the "Heroes of Lauderdale County Who Gave All" memorial will take place during the event. Call 601-480-0293.

## Area Happenings

2: Eagles - The Long Goodbye from 7:30-11:30 p.m. at State Farm Arena, Atlanta. For information, visit <a href="https://www.statefarmarena.">https://www.statefarmarena.</a> com/events/detail/eagles-final-tour-2023

3: NAS Pensacola Air Show 2023 Fri, Nov 3, 8 AM-Sat, Nov 4, 5 PM, Pensacola. For information, visit <a href="https://rove.me/to/pensacola/">https://rove.me/to/pensacola/</a> nas-air-show

16: Travis Tritt from 7:30-11:30 p.m. at the Alabama Theatre, 1817 3rd Ave N, Birmingham, AL. For information, visit https://www. birmingham-theater.com/category\_dates.php?category=Country&ye ar=2023&month=11&day=16

### U.S. and U.K. join forces for world class culinary competition

Six U.S. Navy Culinary Specialists have begun working with their U.K. Catering Services counterparts onboard HMS Raleigh, a naval base in Torpoint, United Kingdom. The U.S. team was invited to create a spirit of jointness with the U.K. that will lead to long term sustainable training opportunities that will turn those who participate into the next generation of ambassadors for the Culinary Specialist (CS) rating.

A formal invitation was sent and subsequently accepted for a team of U.S. Navy Culinary Specialists to train with, and compete alongside, the Royal Navy Culinary Arts Team at Exercise Joint Caterer 2023 (EJC 23), a crossservice competition between the U.K.'s Royal Navy (RN), British Army and Royal Air Force (RAF).

The U.S. Navy chefs were selected to showcase all aspects of Navy Food Service and has members from across the Navy to include afloat units, ashore galley programs, Presidential service and the Pentagon. The Navy team landed in London and settled in at Worthy Down Camp, Food Service Training Wing, in Winchester, U.K., hosted by Warrant Officer 1 Sam Hogg.

The visit provides an opportunity for the U.S. Navy CSs to work alongside Royal Navy Catering Services and participate in a series of bilateral skills workshops and training at the RN Embassy (Admiralty House), the Food Services Training Wing, and the two-week EJC 23 workshop at HMS Raleigh. The whole event culminating in competing together at the UK Armed Forces' most prestigious and fiercely contested culinary competition.

> From Russ Stewart, Naval Supply Systems Command Public Affairs

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#### Fleet Readiness Center Southeast completes final F/A-18 Hornet Center Barrel Replacement

Fleet Readiness Center Southeast (FRCSE) completes final F/A-18 Hornet Center Barrel Replacement.

Whether it is due to its all-weather versatility and reliability, or its run with the renowned flight demonstration team, the U.S. Navy Blue Angels, the F/A-18 Hornet has been a combat-proven platform for the Navy and Marine Corps for many years.

It's a historic aircraft with an extensive past – one that would certainly not be as long or successful without a service life extension process called Center Barrel Replacement (CBR) – a complex and lengthy repair developed in 1991 by Fleet Readiness Center Southwest

(FRCSW) and conducted exclusively by artisans at FRCSW and Fleet Readiness Center Southeast (FRCSE).

In fact, FRCSE and FRCSW both recently completed their last legacy F/A-18

"Congratulations to the entire team of personnel that not only completed this final Center Barrel Replacement, but have also been the lifeblood of the CBR program here at FRC Southeast," said FRCSE's Commanding Officer, Capt. Al Palmer. "We conduct many difficult repairs, but CBRs demand a level of artisan skill that reminds us of how talented our workforce is here at FRC Southeast."

> -- From US Navy Read more, click here

#### FRCE adds first SkillBridge graduates to workforce

Fleet Readiness Center East (FRCE) has hired its first permanent employees from the Department of Defense's Skill-Bridge Program. SkillBridge matches military members with industry partners to gain valuable training and work experience during their last 180 days of active duty service, to ease their transition into the civilian workforce.

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FRCE recently became a SkillBridge industry partner, with its first threeperson class beginning training in March. Joseph Cooper, a former petty officer second class with the U.S. Coast Guard, was the first to begin work when he was hired as an aircraft worker on FRCE's C-130 program.

-- From Kimberly Koonce Fleet Readiness Center East Public Affairs

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### Sale... Or

New Price 21 foot -2021 Jayco Travel Camper. Like new: beige & walnut interior and mattress kept in original plastic. Selling to upgrade to larger size - Price is \$15,000 some accessories included. To view or request pics please contact: Gary 601-

Mallard M185 2018 Travel Trailer. Sleeps 4 with 1 queen bed/2 bunks. Easy to tow at 3,575 lbs; only selling because military member is moving overseas. Great living

Hooked up and ready to live in, including cables, hoses, plus the \$500 towing kit. Asking \$17,000. Call 360-434-3035.

#### **AUTOMOBILES, ETC**

2018 Subaru Outback 2.5 limited, 12k miles; Subaru safety features and warranties included. Asking \$29k. Call 601-480-5100.

2017 Dodge Challenger. grev with racing stripe. \$24k. Call 601-880-3237.

#### HOMES/APARTMENTS

For Rent: 3 BD/1.5 BA with another room used pliances included. Large backyard. Address 145 Skyland Drive, Meridian. About 25 minutes to Navy Base, \$900 per month. with \$900 deposit. Available Aug. 1. No pets. Call 601-490-0849

For Rent: 3BD/2BD home near Causeyville Road. Furnished in quiet neighborhood. \$900 per month. 954-895-5485, 601-692-4048 or 606-571-

For Rent: Water front home in Dalewood. Spatwo-story home cious facing the Lake; great for fishing and relaxing. new appliances. Rent is \$1,800; please call 813-406-9687.

3BD/2BA For Sale: Home with 2,560 sq. ft. Sits on 1 & 1/2 lots on dead end with privacy woods on 3 sides. Asking \$180,000. Contact: lucindawnichols@gmail. com, call 601-527-7829 or 601-917-6145.

For Rent: 2BD/1.5BA Home at 3702 Rollins Dr, Lauderdale in Dalewood. 2136 sq ft on a .29 acres lot. Beautiful newly renovated single family home. Call 973-876-5006.

For Rent: 2BD/1.5BA

Dalewood - fully renovated. Fenced in back yard with boat slip & pier. Pets allowed. Pet deposit \$300. \$1,300 rent per month. Call 973-876-5006.

For Sale By Owner: 3BD/3BA brick home with sunroom, large fenced in vard. Convenient to shopping and base. \$139K. Call 601-513-3395 or 601-227-1870.

Nanny caregiver or services. Call Alice at 601-934-1866 or 601-679-8112. Has installation access; can take children available days, nights and weekends.

**Event Space for Rent:** Deer Creek Banquet Hall. 6000 sq. ft. indoor with 1600 sq. ft. outdoor spaces for rent for gatherings and events. Call Reginald at 251-455-1559.

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### **Awards Quarters**



Photo by MC2 Molly Crawford-Tice

NAS Meridian Sailors and civilians pose for a picture during an awards ceremony at the Naval Reserve Center onboard NAS Meridian, Oct. 18.

### Pentagon rushes Marine Corps general, other advisers to Middle East

By Tara Copp and Aamer Madhani Military Times

One of the officers leading the assistance is Marine Corps Lt. Gen. James Glynn, who previously helped lead special operations forces against the Islamic State and served in Fallujah, Iraq, during some of the most heated urban combat there, according to a U.S. official who was not authorized to discuss Glynn's role and spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Glynn will also be advising on how to mitigate civilian casualties in urban warfare, the official said.

Israel is preparing a large-scale ground operation in an environment in which Hamas militants have had years to prepare tunnel networks and set traps throughout northern Gaza's dense urban

Glynn and the other military officers who are advising Israel "have experience that is appropriate to the sorts of operations that Israel is conducting," National Security Council spokesman John Kirby said Monday.

The military team is one of many fastmoving pieces the Pentagon is getting in place to try and prevent the already intense conflict between Israel and Hamas from becoming a wider war. It also is trying to protect U.S. personnel, who in the

last few days have come under repeated attacks that the Pentagon has said were likely endorsed by Iran.

Kirby said Iran was "in some cases actively facilitating these attacks and spurring on others who may want to exploit the conflict for their own good, or for that of Iran. We know that Iran's goal is to maintain some level of deniability here. But we're not going to allow them to do

The White House said President Joe Biden spoke with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Monday to update him on "U.S. support for Israel and ongoing efforts at regional deterrence, to include new U.S. military deployments."

On Monday, the U.S. military garrison at an-Tanf, Syria, came under attack again, this time by two drones. The drones were shot down and no injuries were reported.

It was the latest episode of more than a half-dozen times in the last week that U.S. military locations in the Middle East had come under rocket or drone attack since a deadly blast at a Gaza hospital.

Thursday the Navy destroyer Carney shot down four land-attack cruise missiles launched from Yemen that the Pentagon has said were potentially headed toward Israel.

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F-16 Fighting Falcons from the 177th Fighter Wing, 119th Fighter Squadron, of the New Jersey Air National Guard, prepare to land at the Atlantic City Air National Guard Base, N.J. The squadron has been identified to deploy to the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility.

### F-16s head to Middle East to help protect U.S. Troops

By C. Todd Lopez

DoD News, Defense Media Activity

The Pentagon announced that a squadron of F-16 Fighting Falcon aircraft has arrived in the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility today. The aircraft will work alongside an array of capabilities the Defense Department has sent to the region in recent days to further enhance the ability of U.S. forces to defend themselves.

Since Hamas attacked Israel Oct. 7, militia groups backed by Iran have, on more than a dozen occasions, attacked U.S. forces conducting counterterrorism missions in both Iraq and Syria.

"We know that the groups conducting these attacks are supported by the [Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps] and the Iranian regime," Pentagon Press Secretary Air Force Brig. Gen. Pat Ryder said during a briefing today. "What we are seeing is the prospect for more significant escalation against U.S. forces and personnel across the region, in the very near term, coming from Iranian proxy forces and ultimately from Iran."

In response, this past weekend, the department deployed the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower carrier strike group to Centcom, and directed to the region a Terminal High Altitude Area Defense battery from Fort Bliss, Texas, and additional Patriot missile battalions from both Fort Liberty, North Carolina, and Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

The aircraft movement announced today involves F-16s from the New Jersey Air National Guard's 119th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron.

A variety of military units have been put on prepare-to-deploy orders, though none of those have yet been activated, he said.

The effort to protect U.S. forces in the region is one of three primary objectives the department has focused on since the Hamas terrorist attack on Israel. Ryder said the department is also focused on supporting Israel's right to defend itself from terrorist attacks and deterring a broader conflict in the region.

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### The haunted house that made me a scaredy-cat

It was a small-town fundraiser during a cool, clear October in the 1970s, but it's a night that I'll never forget.

Back then, Halloween activities involved more <u>COLUMN</u>

than a one-night candy-grab. To start, there were pumpkins to carve, without the benefit of kid-safe carving kits or elaborate stencils. On a bed of newspapers, we wielded sharp knives, piercing flesh, scooping guts, and carving orange skin into faces using triangles and



Molinari

squares. Lit up on front porches, Jacko-lanterns gave off an eerie glow, along with the sickening stench of pumpkin meat cooking over candle flame.

Furthermore, Halloween costumes had to be planned, especially if you had to make your own like I did (which explains why I was "A Hobo" or "An Old Lady" year after year). But also, the phrase "Trick or Treat?" was taken

quite literally back then. Just in case someone picked "trick," kids practiced magic stunts, knock-knock jokes, and dance moves before Halloween.

But on the night of the fundraiser, I wasn't carving pumpkins, planning my costume, or practicing my trick. I was in my parents station wagon, on our way to the U.S. Junior Chamber (aka. Jaycees) "Haunted Jail House" event. Too young to stay home alone, my parents brought me along so they could help out. My mother volunteered to sell hot cocoa and cookies in the concessions booth, and my father volunteered to play "Igor," the hunch-backed assistant to Dr. Frankenstein.

After my father parked, we walked up Eighth Street toward the "Old Jail House." All I knew about the creepy abandoned building was that it was our town's jail back in the olden days.

Later in life, Google helped me learn that the ornate brick Italianate structure was built in 1887 to house the Sheriff and his family in the decorative street-side of the building, and to imprison up to 32 criminals in the back. The main cells were located on four floors with long vertical barred windows, and the solitary confinement cells were in a basement dungeon.

"Typical of small town jails, [it] provided, in the same facility, over-night housing for drunks, fighters, vagrants and committers of a myriad of other minor wrongs, as well as those tried and convicted of major crimes . . . On fewer occasions, jail residents were awaiting the carrying out of the ultimate sentence of the courts - hanging," the historical records read, explaining that the last execution took place inside the jail on November 23, 1913.

In a jovial mood, my father met up with other Jaycees, who were his hunting and golf buddies. He put on his burlap Igor costume, and offered to show me around the old jail before the event started. "Okay, Daddy," I reluctantly agreed, sensing that he wanted me to be gutsy.

The next part is foggy, but I recall dark, filthy, concrete walls. Metal bars. Rust. High ceilings that dripped. Echoing staircases. Insect carcasses. The smell of mildew. My father laughing. The undeniable feeling of agony, pain and fear.

I knew the people dressed in horrifying costumes in the old cells were just Jaycees pretending to be zombies, monsters and axe murderers. I knew the blood, guts and gore were fake. Regardless, it felt real, and it was the most terrifying moment of my young life.

The next thing I remember, I was sitting on the curb outside of the concessions booth, with my back to the jail, holding a cup of hot cocoa given to me by my mother. I had stifled my tears and screams in the jail, afraid to disappoint my father, but now, I gripped my cup tightly so as to hide the tremble in my hands. While people streamed in and out of the haunted jail that night, laughing and enjoying themselves, I waited stiffly, refusing to look back again.

I'm not sure if I was simply too young, or if the old jail really was haunted, but the fear I experienced that night stayed with me. Nowadays, this scaredy-cat carves happy rather than angry Jack-o-lanterns. I wear funny rather than scary costumes. I watch psychological thrillers rather than hor-

And always, I pick hayrides over haunted houses, every time.

Lisa Smith Molinari's self syndicated columns appear on her blog, www.themeatandpotatoesoflife.com and she recently co-authored Stories Around the Table: Laughter, Wisdom, and Strength in Military Life Follow Lisa@MolinariWrites.











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